

IN THE CLAIMS

Please AMEND the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method to treat acne vulgaris in a subject in need thereof, which method comprises:

(i) topically applying a composition comprising a green porphyrin photosensitizer and ~~solubilizer~~ solubilizer to skin tissue of said subject exhibiting symptoms of acne, and

(ii) exposing the tissue to energy at a wavelength capable of activating the photosensitizer,

wherein steps (i) and (ii) are repeated until the number of acne lesions has been reduced by 10% or more, as compared to the number of acne lesions prior to treatment.

2. (Original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein the photosensitizer is selected from verteporfin, lemuteporfin, and combinations thereof

3. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1 wherein the composition has a viscosity at 20°C of from about 50 cps to about 50000 cps.

4. (Currently Amended) A method to treat acne vulgaris in a subject in need thereof, which method comprises:

(i) topically applying a composition comprising at least one photosensitizer to skin tissue of said subject exhibiting symptoms of acne,

(ii) removing excess composition from the skin, and

(iii) exposing the tissue to energy at a wavelength capable of activating the photosensitizer,

wherein steps (i), (ii), and (iii) are repeated until the number of acne lesions has been reduced by 10% or more, as compared to the number of acne lesions prior to treatment.

5. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 4 where the photosensitizer is a green porphyrin.

6. (Original) A method according to Claim 4 wherein the photosensitizer is selected from verteporfin, lemuteporfin, and combinations thereof.

7. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 4, wherein the excess composition is removed by wiping with dry cloth, wiping with a moist towelette, washing with alcohol, washing with a soap free cleanser, washing with a mild shampoo, or combinations thereof.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1:
wherein steps (i) and (ii) are repeated until the number of acne lesions has been reduced by 30% or more.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 which further includes:
~~Treating~~ treating the same patient with a non-photodynamic therapy which comprises administering at least one topical retinoid, at least one oral retinoid, at least one systemic antibiotic, at least one topical or local antibiotic, at least one oral contraceptive, at least one topical anti-androgen, or with blue light therapy, or laser therapy, or combinations thereof.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 9 wherein the non-photodynamic therapy is administering at least one topical retinoid, at least one oral retinoid, at least one topical antibiotic, at least one topical anti-androgen, or combinations thereof.

12. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 9 wherein the non-photodynamic therapy comprises administering at least one topical retinoid.

13. (Currently Amended) A method to treat acne vulgaris in a subject in need thereof, which method comprises:

(i) topically applying a composition comprising a green porphyrin and skin-penetration enhancer to skin tissue of said subject exhibiting symptoms of acne, and

(ii) exposing the tissue to light supplied by a light emitting diode device wherein the device comprises LED's emitting red light and LED's emitting blue light,

wherein steps (i) and (ii) are repeated until the number of acne lesions has been reduced by 10% or more, as compared to the number of acne lesions prior to treatment.

14. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 13 wherein the red-light emitting LED's emit in the range 600-750nm and blue-light emitting LED's emit in the range of 390-450nm.

15.-19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7 which further includes:

~~Treating~~ treating the same patient with a non-photodynamic therapy which comprises administering at least one topical retinoid, at least one oral retinoid, at least one systemic antibiotic, at least one topical or local antibiotic, at least one oral contraceptive, at least one topical anti-androgen, or with blue light therapy, or laser therapy, or combinations thereof.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 which further includes:

~~Treating~~ treating the same patient with a non-photodynamic therapy which comprises administering at least one topical retinoid, at least one oral retinoid, at least one systemic antibiotic, at least one topical or local antibiotic, at least one oral contraceptive, at least one topical anti-androgen, or with blue light therapy, or laser therapy, or combinations thereof.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13 which further includes:

~~Treating~~ treating the same patient with a non-photodynamic therapy which comprises administering at least one topical retinoid, at least one oral retinoid, at least one systemic antibiotic, at least one topical or local antibiotic, at least one oral contraceptive, at least one topical anti-androgen, or with blue light therapy, or laser therapy, or combinations thereof.

23. (New) The method of claim 1:
wherein steps (i) and (ii) are repeated until the number of acne lesions has been reduced by 20% or more.

24. (New) The method of claim 4:
wherein steps (i), (ii), and (iii) are repeated until the number of acne lesions has been reduced by 20% or more.

25. (New) The method of claim 13:
wherein steps (i) and (ii) are repeated until the number of acne lesions has been reduced by 20% or more.